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SUBJECT: ROCK-THROWING, PAMPHLETS, AND MILITARY PRONOUNCE-
MENTS

1. SUMMARY: RECENT INCIDENTS OF ROCK THROWING AND PAMPH-
LETEERING, AS WELL AS ALLEGED EXTREMISM IN MANIFESTOS,
HAVE LED TO A SERIES OF ORDERS AND APPEALS BY ARMED FORCES
MOVEMENT AND MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IN MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN NAMPULA ON MAY 19, CARS, AND THEN POLICE, WERE STONED
BY AFRICANS AT THE SITE OF A SCHEDULED RALLY BY THE AFRICAN
NATIONAL MOVEMENT (MONA), ANTI-FRELIMO PARTY RECENTLY
FORMED IN NAMPULA AREA. MILITARY POLICE WERE CALLED, AND
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FIRE OVERHEADS OF CROWD TO DISPERSE THEM. MONA APPARENTLY

COMPLAINED OF POLICE BRUTALITY IN COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST LOCALLY MAY 20 (BUT NOT PICKED UP BY PRESS), LEADING TO ISSUANCE HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 26/74 OF MAY 26, DEFENDING ACTIONS OF MILITARY POLICE AS NECESSARY PRESERVE LAW AND ORDER.

3. IN BEIRA, MAY 26, ROCKS WERE THROWN AT CAR FOLLOWING SOCCER GAME IN SUBERBS, INJURING SEVERAL, AND REQUIRING POLICE INTERVENTION. ANGRY DRIVERS CONVERGED ON GOVERNOR'S HOUSE TO PROTEST, BUT WERE MOLLIFIED WHEN LOCAL COMPANY SPONSORING GAME AGREED PAY FOR DAMAGE.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROVABLE RACIAL/POLITICAL INCIDENTS REPORTED IN LOURENCO MARQUES, BUT ON MAY 22, A WHITE-RUN SUBURBAN CANTEN WAS RAIDED AND ROBBED BY CROWD OF 80 AFRICANS REPORTEDLY COMPLAINING ABOUT HIGH PRICES, AND AN AFRICAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH BY WHITE YOUTH MAY 29 AFTER LATE-EVENING ARGUMENT IN RESTAURANT.

5. ON MAY 29, MILITARY HIGH COMMAND ISSUED COMMUNIQUE NO. 28/74, REFERRING TO NAMPULA AND BEIRA DISTURBANCES, AND WARNING THAT FURTHER VIOLENT ACTS WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED AS INJURIOUS TO ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, AND THEIR PERPETRATORS PUBLICLY DENOUNCED AND TURNED OVER TO COURTS FOR TRIAL.

6. MEANWHILE, IN BEIRA AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE, ANONYMOUS PAMPHLETS HAVE APPEARED, CALLING ON WHITES TO SCORCH EARTH, KILL BLACKS, AND RETURN MOZAMBIQUE TO NATIVE SAVAGERY BEFORE ABANDONING IT. THESE PAMPHLETS, AND ALLEGED REACTIONARY PROVOCATION TO RACIST VIOLENCE CONTAINED IN SOME POLITICAL MANIFESTOS (WE HAVEN'T AS YET NOTICED ANYTHING QUITE MEETING THIS DESCRIPTION) WERE DENOUNCED BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT IN COMMUNIQUE RELEASED MAY 30, WARNING STERNLY THAT "SUCH ATTITUDES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY AND SEVERELY IMPUGNED, REPRESSED, AND PUNISHED, WHOEVER THEIR AUTHOR, INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE".

7. ONE PAPER REPORTS THAT PAMPHLETS, PURPORTEDLY ISSUED BY "NAMPULA COMMISSION OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT," CONDEMNING RUMORS AND AGITATION AGAINST NEW REGIME, WERE DROPPED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(APPARENTLY OVER BEIRA) BY AIRPLANE ON MAY 28.

8. FINALLY, ON MAY 31, HIGH COMMAND ISSUED COMMUNIQUE NO. 29/74, NOTING THAT A FEW OF THE MANY POLITICAL MEETINGS HHeld SINCE REVOLUTION HAD GONE BEYOND LIMITS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC TRANQUILITY, AND THAT HOLDING OF MASS MEETINGS IN OPEN AREAS OR ADJACENT TO STREETS TENDS TO DISRUPT TRAFFIC AND INCONVENIENCE PUBLIC; HIGH COMMAND THEREFORE "RECOMMENDS"

THAT FUTURE POLITICAL MEETINGS BE CONFINED TO ENCLOSED OR CLEARLY DELIMITED PREMISES, AND ASKS FOR COLLABORATION OF PUBLIC TO THIS END.

9. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT ARMED FORCES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PEACE AND ARE MOVING, EVIDENTLY RATHER TENTATIVELY, TO EXERT SOME CONTROL OVER POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BURGEONED IN MOZAMBIQUE SINCE REVOLUTION. NOT SO CLEAR, HOWEVER, IS WHETHER THIS CONCERN ENTIRELY MOTIVATED BY DESIRE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, OR WHETHER IT ALSO SEEKS TO FIND EXCUSES FOR REPRESSING WHAT ARE NOW CONSIDERED REACTIONARY VIEWPOINTS LINKED WITH FORMER REGIMES.

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